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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
Vicknair et al. :  
Application No. 09/965,014 :  
Filed: September 27, 2001 :  
Title of Invention: :  
SYSTEM FOR CHARACTER VALIDATION :  
AND METHOD THEREFOR :

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 3, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

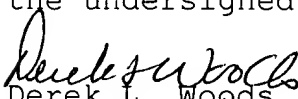
This Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed February 9, 2005. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply, and provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on May 10, 2005. The mailing of this Decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

With the instant petition, Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). An Amendment in response to the February 9, 2005 Office action is filed with the instant petition. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2142 for processing of the Amendment, filed October 3, 2005, in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

  
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